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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	Serie 6145
First Inventor	Michel DELZENNE
Title	Plasma cutting torch electrode with an Hf/Zr insert
Express Mail Label No.	EV 388268693 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification (Total Pages 8)
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the invention
 - Brief Summary of the invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) (Total Sheets 1)
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 - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ☐ Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☒ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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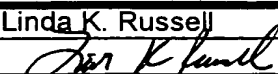
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) **770.00**

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Application Number	Not yet assigned
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First Named Inventor	Michel DELZENNE
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	Serie 6145

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **770.00**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims **19** - 20 = **0** x **18** = **0**
Independent Claims **3** - 3** = **0** x **86** = **0**
Multiple Dependent =

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 840	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD Substitute for Form PTO-875						Application or Docket Number Serie 6145				
CLAIMS AS FILED – PART I										
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE			
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.18(e))					\$ _____		\$770.00			
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(c))	19	minus 20 = 0		X \$ _____ =		X \$ 18 =	0.00			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.18(b))	3	minus 3 = 0		X \$ _____ =		X \$ 86 =	0.00			
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.18(d))				+\$ _____ =		+\$ _____ =				
				TOTAL		TOTAL	\$770.00			
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.										
CLAIMS AS AMENDED – PART II										
AMENDMENT A	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.18(c))	*	Minus	**	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	Independent (37 CFR 1.18(b))	*	Minus	***	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.18(d))						+\$ _____ =		+\$ _____ =	
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE		
AMENDMENT B	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.18(c))	*	Minus	**	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	Independent (37 CFR 1.18(b))	*	Minus	***	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.18(d))						+\$ _____ =		+\$ _____ =	
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE		
AMENDMENT C	(Column 1)		(Column 2)		(Column 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total (37 CFR 1.18(c))	*	Minus	**	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	Independent (37 CFR 1.18(b))	*	Minus	***	=		X \$ _____ =		X \$ _____ =	
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.18(d))						+\$ _____ =		+\$ _____ =	
						TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE		
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Examiner: Unknown
US National: Herewith
TC/A.U: Unknown
Title: Plasma cutting torch electrode with an Hf/Zr insert
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